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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

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Dear Josh,

Would you be willing to send a stock of any K12 heterozygote to Cecilie Leichtenberger at the Institute of Pathology, Western Reserve University, Cleveland? While she was in N.Y. recently she told of making very satisfactory DNA measurements on K12 by a special technique she has devised. It might be very instructive to see the results of similar determinations on a heterozygote. If you will write to her, I am sure she would be glad to send you details of the method so that you can satisfy yourself that the results would not be ambiguous.

The Vandrellys also passed through, and following an excellent seminar given by Mme. V. deplored the loss of the Boivin stocks. I recall that last spring you said something about having or knowing the whereabouts of some of the surviving souches originaux. If this is so you can relieve a great anxiety by informing Dr. V. At the same time we had a visit from Alain Bussard, an immunologist, who has sublet an apartment in Paris to the Ryans for this winter and is now on his way to Madison on a Rockefeller grant. I hope you meet him soon, as he is a good guy.

I trust your summer in California shaped up

well, and regret that ~~it~~ was impossible for me to see you in Columbus. The local contingent gave a generally favorable report of the meetings. KCA IV is growing normally. Roger (my youngest brother) suddenly developed a transverse myelitis of unknown cause about six weeks ago and is now in a rehabilitation center for paraplegics. Taking over FJK's duties is somewhat of a bore due to too much administrative work. I'll probably have to go on an ulcer regime when the heavy teaching begins this spring.

I have had some illuminating experiences while trying to start a series of meetings here similar to the Midwest Virus Conf. Davis wants to exclude Demerec, and I'm told Dem's feelings would be hurt if other CHS people attended. There may be some way of creating the proper atmosphere, but I haven't thought of it.

We have recently found a way of controlling the # of nuclei in conidia over a range of means from 2 to 6, and are beginning to make use of it. The h- work progresses constantly, but remains, as usual, on the phenomenological level.

Best to you and Estner,

Kim